

ABSTRACT

A recompression program 23 being a video edition software 20 executed by a personal computer 17 on a compressed video data supplied from a DV camera deck 11 or hard disc drive 12 and variable-length coded for conformance to the DV specification, compresses a variable-length code word by replacing one code word of a code word string of the variable-length code words with some other code word shorter than the one cord word and having a value approximate to that of the one code word.

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